Watertown Amateur Radio Club & Rock River Radio Club
Invite you to attend the "**GROUND HOG" PARTY** OF NORTH AMERICA. We will meet at the
Watertown Moose Lodge, 1212 Juneau Street, Watertown, WI
October 8, 2005

Cash Bar Cocktail Hour Starts at 5:00 P.M.
Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
MENU: Family style Swiss steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, glazed carrots, fruit salad, cranberries, rolls and butter, beverage.
DOOR PRIZES!
Cost per Person is **$12.00**.

"G.O.N.A." is waiting to see you! Bring your YL, XYL
Please RSVP by October 1 along with check to:
Tim Norbury W9LUB - Bettie Norbury K9GJC - 515 Carl Schurz Drive,
Watertown, WI 53098 Phone: 920-261-0637

Call in Frequency: 146.64 Juneau Repeater
Web site: www.warcwi.org

Fellow Hams:

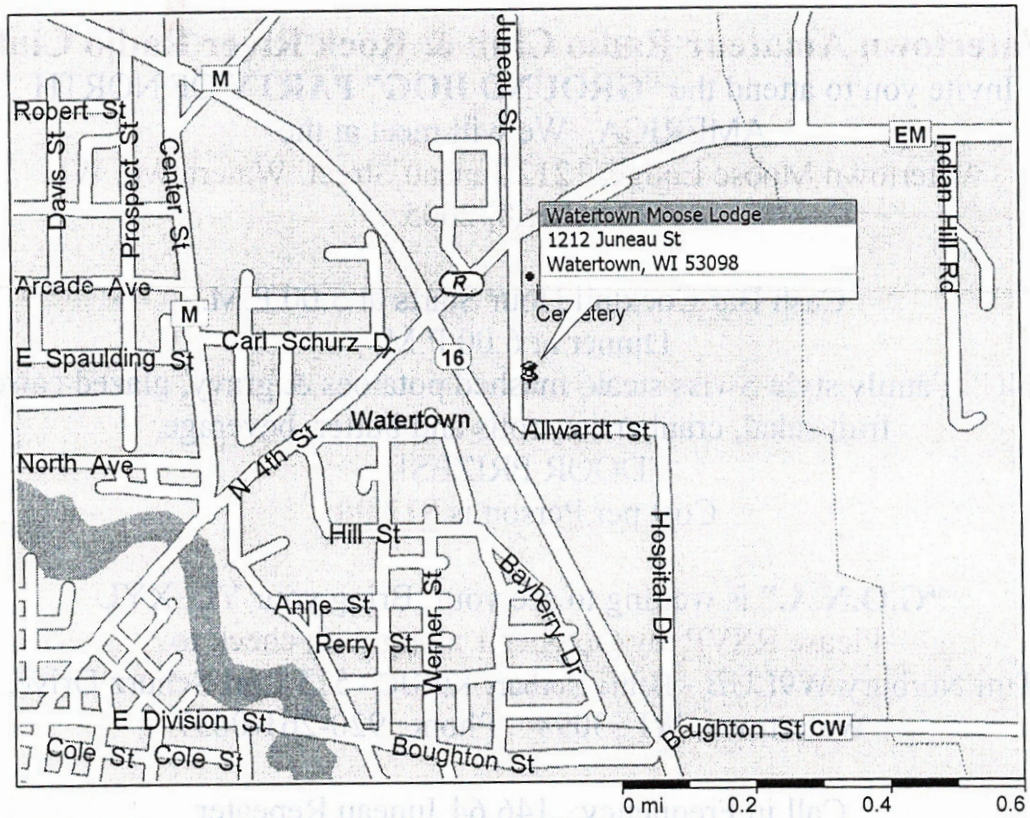
It will only take a moment of your time to let you know that a nearly 50 year old tradition is continuing!

Some of you may remember a group of hams that would chat every evening using 10 meter ground wave propagation. Apparently they used the frequency more than their share of the time and therefore were given the name "Ground Hogs". For the most part, these were hams in Wisconsin, but there were a few that participated from neighboring states. Besides talking on 10 meters they created a dinner party once a year. Tradition was to bring spouses and hold the party in Watertown, WI. As part of the celebration, they created a traveling trophy which ended up at the QTH of that year's #1 GROUND HOG. The trophy is rumored to bring good luck and shows the call signs of all the previous owners and their year of ownership. Just reading the call signs on the trophy brings back memories and initiates many conversations about the legacy of hams of Wisconsin and neighboring states.

For many years, this event took place and reached proportions of over 200 attendees. In the past decade, there have been some years without the Ground Hog meeting, mainly due to the loss of some of the key organizers. For the last few years, however, it has returned and you can once again be part of this tradition. The original Traveling Trophy will be auctioned off to the highest bidder who gets to keep it for one year and have their call sign engraved on it. The winner must return it to be auctioned off again next year.

Please circulate the invitation at any amateur radio events or meetings you may attend, and don't forget to call in your reservation for October 8, 2005 in Watertown, Wisconsin. Many hams from Wisconsin hope to see you there.

73's
Tim – W9LUB
Doug – WB0WRJ



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